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TWO CENTS.

WILL PASS BILL TO PREVENT STRIKE

Adamson Measure, Adopted by House, to Be Acted Upon by Senate

WILL BE RUSHED TO WILSON TO BE SIGNED

Senator Hardwick Declares That Congress Is Being Held Up By Railroad Employees — Misdeemeanor to Obstruct Trains.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—The enactment into law of enough of President Wilson's program to prevent the railway strike seemed assured when the senate reassembled this morning at 10 o'clock with a program which calls for a vote not later than 6 o'clock this evening.

It was the belief of administration leaders that the Adamson bill as it passed the house late yesterday, by a vote of 239 to 56, approved by President Wilson and formally accepted by the labor leaders as meeting their demands, would eventually be accepted by the senate, thus obviating a delay in conference to reconcile differences with the house.

As soon as the perfected bill finally is passed a special messenger will carry it to the summer White House at Shadow Lawn, so the president may sign it at once and end the menace of a general paralysis of the country's transportation lines at 7 a. m. Monday.

Senator Hardwick, Democrat, declaring congress was being held up by the railroad employees, said: "We will not measure up to what is required of us unless we not only bridge over this crisis, but also provide that there never can arise again in this country an opportunity for any man or set of men, railroad managers or workers, to seize this government by the throat, as is now being done. If we do not do this, I for one, will feel that we have made a sorry spectacle of ourselves."

Senator Thomas also proposed an amendment

ment to make it a misdemeanor for any persons to delay or obstruct the operation of trains, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

"Just as soon as the house bill unamended becomes a law," A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the brotherhoods, reiterated today "the strike order will be recalled." That was all Mr. Garretson would say regarding the probable time of calling off the strike.

From other sources came a report that an arrangement might be perfected whereby the strike could be called off officially before President Wilson affixes his signature to the bill. Any amendment in the senate would throw all of the negotiations into an indefinite stage.

Senator Weeks said the brotherhood men had put congress in a position of "stand and deliver." He said that a majority of the trainmen do not desire a strike. "In congress it is an end, temporarily at least, to representative government," Senator Sherman assailed the efforts of the brotherhoods to prevent a compulsory arbitration law. He charged the President with making a "petty political bargain."

Senator Newlands offered an amendment to make it a misdemeanor for any persons to interfere with the operation of trains punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or imprisonment not to exceed six months. This he added followed laws relating to interference with transportation of the mails.

RUSSIANS PUSHING TOWARD LEMBERG

Austrians Are Resisting Desperately, But Have Been Repulsed Everywhere.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 2, via London.—A new Russian offensive in Galicia has resulted in further advances in the direction of Lemberg and further south near the Hungarian frontier, the war office announced today. Violent fighting is under way. The Austrians are resisting desperately, but their counterattacks, the statement says, have been repulsed everywhere.

RUMANIANS AGAIN BEATEN BY TEUTONS

But Austro-Hungarians Have Been Forced to Evacuate Several Towns Near Kronstadt.

BERLIN, Sept. 2, by wireless to Sayville.—Austro-Hungarian troops on the Rumanian front again repulsed the Rumanians near Orsova on August 31, says the official statement issued by the Austro-Hungarian army headquarters under date of Sept. 1. The statement adds that several Transylvanian towns north of Kronstadt had already been evacuated by the Austro-Hungarians on Wednesday.

BRITISH BACK AGAIN

Regain from Germans a Small Area West of Delville Wood.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—"Last night, as the result of a minor operation," says the British official statement reporting the operations on the Somme front in France, "we drove the enemy from a portion of a small area intersected with trenches northwest of Delville wood which he had captured on Thursday."

Unitarian Church

Leaflets describing the Unitarian belief may be obtained on application to Mrs. James M. Adams, 7 Cedar St.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

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NO PAPER

Labor Day
MONDAY, SEPT. 4

The regular edition of The Reformer will be suspended on Monday, Sept. 4. All news of the holiday will be found in the issue of Tuesday, Sept. 5.

ORDERS VALLEY FAIR GIVEN UP

Action Taken by Health Officer Tucker at Conference Today

STATEMENT MADE BY FAIR OFFICERS

Infantile Paralysis in Three of Five Sections from Which Exhibition Draws Its Attendance — Large Expense Already Incurred.

There will be no Valley fair this year. This was decided this forenoon at a conference of the directors of the Valley Fair association with Dr. Henry Tucker, executive officer of the Brattleboro board of health, at which Dr. Tucker ordered that the fair this year be given up.

After the conference the directors issued the following statement for publication in The Reformer:

Owing to the prevalence of the disease of infantile paralysis in New England and New York state, and on account of cases being in the towns surrounding Brattleboro from which the fair has a large attendance, the local board of health has ordered that the 31st annual Valley fair be abandoned. The directors, while deeply regretting the necessity of this action, comply with the order at once, and would say that as the Valley fair has always been conducted along the broadest of lines it is unwilling in any way to place an obstacle in the way of the public health or happiness.

A. B. CLAPP,
R. H. BRIGGS,
O. F. BENSON,
L. E. HOLDEN,
W. A. SHUMWAY,
Directors.

The directors are not the only ones who regret the necessity for giving up the fair this year, but those who have learned of the fact that it is to be given up commend the directors for not interposing any objection to the action of the board of health. The fair might be held and no case of paralysis result from it, but if cases should result, or even one case, there would be much criticism.

For 30 successive years the association has held fairs and for years it has been one of the most important institutions of its kind in New England. It had made expensive preparations for the 31st fair, incurring large expense, so that the abandonment of this year's exhibit means a large loss. It is felt, however, not only by the health board and the fair officials, but by those who benefit most from the exhibitions, that the exigencies of the present emergency justify the action that has been taken.

In justice to all concerned it may be stated that the health officer and fair officials and those most deeply interested in the welfare of the Valley fair were in accord as to what course ought to be taken.

Dr. Tucker this forenoon served notice on the moving picture theaters not to admit children under 15 years of age through this month, which is in accordance with an order of the state board of health. This will cut down the afternoon attendance materially, but will have less effect on the evening performances.

4,000 WALKED OUT OF PITTSFIELD PLANT

Action of General Electric Employees a Protest Against Conditions in Factories.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Sept. 2.—About 4,000 employees of the General Electric plant left the plant on a strike at 9 o'clock this morning as an action of protest against conditions at the plant. A mass meeting was addressed by international officers.

GERMANS TOOK TRENCHES

Regained the Positions Recently Captured by the French.

PARIS, Sept. 2.—After repeated and violent attacks last night the Germans re-occupied part of the trenches taken recently by the French on the Somme front.

In the Champagne the official announcement of today says Russian troops put to flight a German contingent northwest of Auberville after a spirited engagement.

THE WEATHER.

Fair tonight and Sunday. Cooler. Northwest winds.

GOLDENROD WEDDING AT THE RICE FARM

Miss Helen M. Betterley Becomes Wife of James A. Noon — After Trip Will Go to Philippines.

One of the most beautiful and impressive weddings of the season took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Rice farm, when Miss Helen Mariette Betterley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Betterley, became the wife of James Arthur Noon of the Philippine Islands. The setting was the lawn of the Rice farm. An aisle of goldenrod chains led from the house to a bower of laurel leaves dotted with hydrangeas. Pots of goldenrod decorated the lawn and a bell of white asters hung from the top of the bower.

At the beginning of the service, Harold Mahan of Manchester, N. H., sang "O Promise Me," accompanied by Miss Alice Jeffords of Hinsdale, N. H., cousin of the bride. This was followed by the Bridal March from Loebing, played by Miss Jeffords. The bride party was led by Margaret Betterley, niece of the bride, as flower girl. She was followed by Miss bridesmaid, Miss Maisie Betterley, sister of the bride, while the bride herself marched with her father. The bridegroom and his twin brother, John Eliot Noon, as best man, dressed in white tulle suits, were preceded by their father, Rev. Alfred Noon, Ph. D., of Lunenburg, Mass., and Rev. Thomas W. Owens, who performed the ceremony. A double ring service was used.

The bride's gown was of a fine Philippine texture, trimmed with white satin and meeklin lace with veil caught with orange blossoms and she carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and sweet peas. The bridesmaid was gowned in peach colored tulle trimmed with beads, and she carried peach colored roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Noon will spend a few weeks at Lake Sunapee, and after a month of visiting with friends and a tour of the West, will sail for the Philippines, where Mr. Noon is engaged in government service, in the bureau of education.

The out-of-town guests were the bridegroom's parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Noon, and Miss Edith R. Noon of Lunenburg, Mass., Raymond W. Noon of New Haven, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. John Eliot Noon of Chicago, Rev. Dr. Elmer A. Leslie of Cambridge, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Betterley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Betterley and family of Springfield, Mass., Mrs. Nowlan and Miss Dorothy Nowlan of Amherst, Mass., Miss Elsie Williams of Orange, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wright of Northfield, Mass., Huxton Taylor of Rollin, Mo., Miss Marjorie Wilber, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Griswold, Miss Henrietta Scott of Bellows Falls (Vt.), M. A. Barlow of Boston, Dr. Frederick B. Harrison of New Haven, Conn., Miss Helen Farham of Dover, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jeffords, Mrs. Helen Jeffords, Miss Alice Jeffords and Miss Marion Jeffords of Hinsdale, N. H.

RAILROADS MODIFY THEIR EMBARGOES

In Some Cases They Have Been Removed Entirely in Belief There Will Be No Strike.

CHICAGO, Sept. 2. — Modified embargoes are in effect today on many of the great railway systems of the country and in some cases they have been removed entirely as a result of the belief by railroad officials that there will be no strike Monday.

Railroad executives announced many desistations from the ranks of the brotherhoods in the middle west and asserted they had sufficient men to operate trains on most of the roads in the event of a strike.

METEOROLOGICAL RECORD.

Taken at 40 High Street, Elevation 333 Feet, for August.

Maximum temperature, 90 (20th, 21st and 22d); minimum temperature, 12 (29th); mean temperature, 67.2; mean maximum temperature, 78.8; mean minimum temperature, 55.5; maximum barometer, 30.28 (29th); minimum barometer, 29.66 (8th); mean barometer, 30.02; clear days, 14; partly cloudy, 11; cloudy, 3; prevailing wind, south; precipitation, 1.23 inches; precipitation in August last year, 6.23 inches; precipitation this year, 24.56 inches; precipitation to Sept. 1, last year, 29.89 inches; deficiency this year, 3.33 inches; thunder, 8th, 23d, 26th, 27th.—F. R. Vaughan observer.

COOL FIRST OF WEEK.

Unsettled Conditions Later, with Probably Local Showers.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2. — Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, issued today, are for the North Atlantic states, generally fair and cool the first half of the week, unsettled and warmer, with probably local showers in the latter half.

RETURN TO THE ATTACK.

Assault Delivered by the Bulgarians Beaten by Serbians.

PARIS, Sept. 2.—The Bulgarians returned to the attack last night on the western end of the Macedonian front. The war office announced today that an assault delivered by them in the Vetrinik sector was repulsed by the Serbians.

STRONG DEFENSE OF HIS MEXICAN POLICY

President Speaks at the Formal Notification of His Renomination

RECORD IS CLEAR IN EUROPEAN TANGLE

Declares Republican Party Is Just the Party That Cannot Meet the New Conditions of a New Age — Strong for Americanism.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Sept. 2. — The day upon which President Wilson is to be formally notified of his renomination is being celebrated with enthusiasm by more than 10,000, including Democratic leaders from all parts of the country.

A drizzling rain fell throughout the morning, but did not dampen the spirits of the assembled Democrats. The notification ceremonies took place at Shadow Lawn, the President's summer residence. The President's magnificent white summer home was literally covered with American flags and bunting. Chairs to accommodate 5,000 were grouped in a semi-circle about the house and there was room for 20,000 more within hearing distance of the President's voice. A temporary addition to the veranda had been erected as the President's speaking stand. Several hours before the time for the ceremony the gates were thrown open and the general public poured in by the hundreds.

The President was in communication with the White House throughout the morning and was kept informed of every development in congress and received word that the strike legislation was practically certain of passage.

President Woodrow Wilson formally accepted his renomination with an address recounting the legislative record of the Democratic party, a vigorous defense of his Mexican policy, his dealings with the European belligerents and an outline of his view of America's obligations for the future.

With the members of the notification committee headed by Senator James grouped about him at Shadow Lawn, the Summer White House, the President declared the Republican party was "just the party that cannot meet the new conditions of a new age" and that the day of Little America when "methods of 'protection' and industrial nursing were the chief study of our provincial statesmen" was past and gone.

"We can no longer indulge our traditional provincialism," said the President. "We are to play a leading part in the world drama whether we wish it or not. We shall lend, not borrow; act for ourselves, not imitate or follow; organize and initiate, not peep about merely to see where we may get in."

Speaking of his diplomatic negotiations with the European belligerents the President followed a declaration that while property rights might be vindicated by claims for damages, the loss of life and the fundamental rights of humanity never could be, with this statement:

"The record is clear and consistent throughout and stands distinct and definite for anyone to judge who wishes to know the truth about it."

Immediately afterward he said: "I am the candidate of a party, but I am above all things else an American citizen. I neither seek the favor nor fear the displeasure of that small alien element amongst us which still loyalty to any foreign power before loyalty to the United States."

Regarding his Mexican policy the President reiterated that the people of Mexico were struggling "blindly" to free themselves from alien interests "some of them Americans pressing for things they could never have got in their own country" and that he would do everything in his power to prevent anyone standing in their way.

"It is hard doctrine," said he, "only for those who wish to get something for themselves out of Mexico." At another point the President said:

"Mistakes I have no doubt made in this perplexing business but not in purpose or object." He declared at another point:

"I am more interested in the fortunes of oppressed men and pitiful women and children than in any property rights whatever."

At the outset of his references to the legislative achievements of his party the President enumerated the laws placed on the statute books relating to business including tariff revision, anti-trust laws, revision of the banking and currency system, rural credit, rehabilitation of the merchant marine and creation of the Federal Trade Commission.

"What other party has understood the task so well or executed it so intelligently and energetically?" he asked. "What other party has attempted it at all? The Republican leaders apparently know of no means

THOUGHT MRS. PERRY NEEDED GUARDIAN

Mrs. Stickney Testified in Probate Court — Mr. Stickney Tells of Talks with Mrs. Perry.

A second session of the probate court was held yesterday afternoon to hear testimony in connection with the petition of Mrs. Carrie A. Perry of Frost street, sister of the late Col. Kirtledge Haskins, for the removal of a guardianship.

Only two witnesses were examined, Mrs. C. L. Stickney, the guardian of Mrs. Perry, and C. L. Stickney. Mrs. Stickney testified that she had noticed a change in the mental and physical condition of Mrs. Perry for some time and that mentally Mrs. Perry was becoming forgetful. She was asked by Attorney Harrie B. Chase, counsel for Mrs. Perry, if she considered Mrs. Perry insane. Mrs. Stickney replied that she was no expert on such matters, but that she did consider that Mrs. Perry needed a guardian to care for her property, which amounts to between \$4,000 and \$5,000 cash in banks. Mr. Stickney testified to several conversations he had had with Mrs. Perry with the purpose of showing that she had failed mentally. The hearing was continued to Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Attorney Robert C. Bacon appears for Mrs. Stickney, who was appointed guardian last February.

CHASTISES WIFE AND PAYS \$25 FINE

Weaver Becomes Intoxicated, Disturbs the Peace and Is Arrested and Brought Into Court.

Fred Davis, a weaver, indulged considerably in intoxicating beverages yesterday and late last night was engaged in chastising his wife and mother-in-law at his home in the Fort Dummer district. State's Attorney O. B. Hughes was notified of the disturbance and sent Special Officer Barbetto to the scene. The officer arrested Davis and this morning in the municipal court he pleaded guilty to the charge of breach of the peace and made arrangements to pay a fine of \$25 and costs of \$7.30. James Clifford was found last night in a stupor beside the road in the Fort Dummer district and was locked up. He pleaded guilty to intoxication and made arrangements to pay a fine of \$5 and costs of \$7.30.

COMMISSIONERS WERE WELCOMED

Two Members of Arbitrators from Mexico Met at New York by Secretary Lansing.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Two members of the Mexican commission appointed to confer with representatives of the United States to settle the differences between the two countries arrived here early today and the third member is expected during the day.

The Mexican commissioners were welcomed at their hotel by Secretary of State Lansing and J. Brooks Parker, assistant secretary of the American commission.

GREECE IS NEUTRAL.

Awaiting the Outcome of Events, According to Athens Despatch.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—After an audience lasting two hours on Thursday with King Constantine of Greece, which gave rise to persistent rumors, Premier Zaimis, according to a despatch at Athens yesterday by the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company, said that Greece maintained her policy of friendly neutrality toward the entente powers, while awaiting events.

WEST BRATTLEBORO.

John Collins of Exeter, N. H., is a guest at F. R. Mann's.

H. H. Lane and family of Springfield, Mass., who had been spending the summer here, occupying the Walker house on Greenleaf street two months, have returned to their home.

of assisting business but protection. How to stimulate it and put it upon a new footing of energy and enterprise they have not suggested."

At the conclusion of his review of the party record the President declared: "This extraordinary recital must sound like a platform, a list of sanguine promises; but it is not. It is a record of promises made four years ago and now actually redeemed in constructive legislation." Then, later he said: "We have in four years come very near to carrying out the platform of the Progressive party as well as our own; for we are also progressives."

The President's address was some five thousand words long, one of the most lengthy he has delivered on any occasion since taking office.

GETTING CONTROL OF THE EPIDEMIC

Only 61 New Cases Reported in Greater New York Up to 10 a. m.

NINETEEN DEATHS IN SAME PERIOD

Average for the Week Lower Than Last Week and Health Department Officials Predict a Still Lower Mark for Coming Week.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—A decrease of seven new cases was reported in today's health department figures on the infantile paralysis epidemic. There were 61 new cases during the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m., and the deaths numbered 19. The average for the week is lower than that of last week and the health department officials predicted that next week's average will be still lower.

VILLA HURRYING TOWARD THE BORDER

Hopes to Draw U. S. Troops in Chasing Him, Thereby Causing Clash with Carranza.

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 2.—In the hope of bringing on a clash between the United States and the Carranza government, Pancho Villa, with 200 followers, is striking north from Satevo, where he was defeated on Wednesday by Carranza troops under Gen. Elisondo. United States troops will block his way within a hundred miles if he does not change his course, and advice received by Carranza authorities are that he has no intention of changing his course, but on the contrary he intends to attack the southernmost outposts of the United States soldiers.

Americans here hardly believe Villa would be so foolish as to give battle to the American army, and some believe he may be intending to dodge the American column if he can and strike at some border point as he did at Columbus, or even take refuge in the United States.

Gen. Elisondo, however, claims to have information from some of the prisoners taken by the men when Villa and his band were defeated at Satevo which is to the effect that Villa is bent upon attacking the American infantry now camped at El Valle and forcing a battle on Mexican soil.

Villa is said to have argued that such an attack will either make the Americans fight and follow him when he retreats into the mountains and thus possibly drag the Americans into a battle with the Carranzistas, who have forbidden the Pershing army to move in any direction except north, or that the attack will cause the United States to make further demands upon Carranza and eventually force a break.

TO PRESERVE TREASURES.

Greece Makes a Plea to the Belligerent Powers.

LONDON, Sept. 2. — The Greek government has sent a note to the belligerent powers, says a despatch from Athens, dated Friday to the Exchange Telegraph company asking them "during military operations in Greek territory, as well as in the event of siege or bombardment to 'preserve the ancient monuments and other national treasures.' " As the ancient monuments and treasures of Greece are situated principally in Athens the note has given rise to some comment in the Greek capital.

MAY SEIZE THE FIGHT FILM.

Port Collector Sustained in Case of Johnson-Willard Picture.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—In an opinion filed yesterday Federal Judge A. N. Hand denied the motion of the Panatomic corporation to restrain Collector of the Port Dudley Field Malone from seizing the film of the Johnson-Willard Havana prize fight. The film producers have sought, it was asserted, to evade the law which excludes transportation of prize fight films in interstate and foreign commerce by photographing the original film, which remained in Canadian territory, from the New York side of the border.

No vacation is properly planned that eliminates all provision for an outing for a few tenement kiddies.

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